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**WHAT:** **POETRY PROMISE AWARD WINNER LILA BRISSETTE TO READ AT THE BEAT!**  
The Poetry Promise award is granted to a student poet for exceptional promise and achievement in poetry, not more than annually, and is selected by the Poet Laureate of Clark County, Nevada as part of his official duties. The recipient receives a \$500 award and a reading welcoming them to the community of Clark County Poets.

**WHO:** Other poets who will also read that evening include **national slam star Syd Stewart**, **Bukowski mentee Lee Mallory**, and **Clark County Poet Laureate Bruce Isaacson**.

Lila Brissette is a graduating violin student at the Las Vegas Academy. She placed second in the 2015 Poetry Out Loud competition, where her extraordinary work was noticed by the Clark County Poet Laureate. Since then, Brissette's poetry appeared on a KNPR segment and has been accepted for publication in Clark, the forthcoming Clark County Poetry Anthology..

Lila credits a friend who shares work with her, a creative writing club at her school, and reading writers such as Pablo Neruda, Richard Siken, Anne Sexton, and Walt Whitman. One of her favorite poets and philosophers is Charles Baudelaire. She is also a fan of the band, "The Mountain Goats." Anything but one dimensional, Lila says, "Writing for me is incredibly self-reflective, and I think meta-cognition is the key to achieving my greatest self..." Lila hopes to study physics, use her knowledge to bridge the gateway between art and science, and wishes to become a published author.

**WHEN:** June 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m..

**WHERE:** This event will be held at The Beat Coffeehouse, 520 Fremont St., Las Vegas, NV 89101

**AWARD:** **In the award letter, Poet Laureate Bruce Isaacson noted:** "The award is based on original writing which evidences unusual maturity, knowledge of poetic forms, and of the traditions of American and world poetry. Lila's poems, such as *Self in 2015*, *A Year Walk for the Papers*, *Mythwater*, and #602 evidence attention to craft, knowledge of the poetic tradition, and considerable achievement in poetry at a young age." Information about Poet Laureate programs can be found at <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/parks/Pages/cc-poet-laureate-bruce-isaacson.aspx>.

**COST:** This reading is free and open to the public.

**INFO:** Bruce Isaacson (Clark County Poet Laureate) at [PoetLaureateClarkCounty@cox.net](mailto:PoetLaureateClarkCounty@cox.net).  
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